

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4 through 7, 9 and 10 are pending in this application. Claim 4 has been amended to correct a clerical oversight in the Amendment submitted April 26, 2006. Applicants submit that the present amendment does not generate any new matter issue.

Claims 1 through 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 for lack of novelty as evidenced by Ofuji et al.

Applicants submit that for the reasons set forth in the Amendment submitted April 26, 2006, the imposed rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 is not factually viable and, hence, solicit withdrawal thereof.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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